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For: **SELF-CROSS-LINKED ALKYL CELLULOSE AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME (AS AMENDED)**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the "final" Official Action dated November 17, 2003, which set a nominal response due date of February 17, 2004, please further amend the above-identified application as noted in the following sections.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.